



DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Large Diameter Welded Pipe from the Republic of Korea: Final Results of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review; 2020

AGENCY: Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) determines that producers and/or exporters of large diameter welded pipe (welded pipe) from the Republic of Korea (Korea) received countervailable subsidies during the period of review (POR), January 1, 2020, through December 31, 2020.

DATES: Applicable [INSERT DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*].

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On June 3, 2022, Commerce published the *Preliminary Results* of this administrative review in the *Federal Register*,¹ and invited interested parties to comment. On July 12, 2022, the Government of Korea (GOK), Hyundai RB Co., Ltd. (Hyundai RB), and SeAH Steel Corporation (SeAH Steel) submitted timely case briefs.² On July 19, 2022, the American Line

¹ See *Large Diameter Welded Pipe from the Republic of Korea: Preliminary Results and Partial Rescission of the Countervailing Duty Administrative Review; 2020*, 87 FR 33715 (June 3, 2022) (*Preliminary Results*).

² See GOK's Letter, "GOK Case Brief," dated July 12, 2022; see also Hyundai RB's Letter, "Hyundai RB Case Brief," dated July 12, 2022; and SeAH's Letter, "Case Brief," dated July 12, 2022.

Pipe Producers Association Trade Committee (the Committee) submitted a timely rebuttal brief.³ On September 20, 2022, Commerce extended the deadline for the final results of this review to no later than October 28, 2022.⁴ Commerce held a public hearing on September 7, 2022.⁵ For a complete description of the events that followed the *Preliminary Results*, see the Issues and Decision Memorandum.⁶ We conducted this review in accordance with section 751 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act).

Scope of the Order⁷

The merchandise covered by the *Order* is large diameter welded pipe. For a complete description of the scope of the *Order*, see the Issues and Decision Memorandum.

Analysis of Comments Received

All issues raised in interested parties' briefs are addressed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum. A list of the issues addressed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum is included in the appendix to this notice. The Issues and Decision Memorandum is a public document and is on file electronically via Enforcement and Compliance's Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Centralized Electronic Service System (ACCESS). ACCESS is available to registered users at <https://access.trade.gov>. In addition, a complete version of the Issues and Decision Memorandum can be accessed directly at <https://access.trade.gov/public/FRNoticesListLayout.aspx>.

Changes Since the *Preliminary Results*

Based on our analysis of the case and rebuttal briefs and the evidence on the record, we made no changes from the *Preliminary Results*.

³ See Committee's Letter, "Rebuttal Brief," dated July 19, 2022.

⁴ See Memorandum, "Extension of Deadline for Final Results," dated September 20, 2022.

⁵ See Hearing Transcript, "In the Matter of: the Administrative Review of the Antidumping Duty Order on Large Diameter Welded Carbon and Alloy Steel Line and Structural Pipe from the Republic of Korea," dated September 14, 2022.

⁶ See Memorandum, "Issues and Decision Memorandum for the Final Results of the Countervailing Duty Administrative Review of Large Diameter Welded Pipe from the Republic of Korea; 2020," dated concurrently with, and hereby adopted by, this notice (Issues and Decision Memorandum).

⁷ See *Large Diameter Welded Pipe from the Republic of Korea: Countervailing Duty Order*, 84 FR 18773 (May 2, 2019) (*Order*).

Companies Not Selected for Individual Review

We made no changes to the methodology for determining a rate for companies not selected for individual examination from the *Preliminary Results*. For the final results of this review, as indicated in the section below, we have continued to determine that only the mandatory respondent Hyundai RB received countervailable subsidies that are above *de minimis*. Therefore, consistent with section 705(c)(5)(A) of the Act, we are applying the net subsidy rate calculated for Hyundai RB to the non-selected companies.

Final Results of Administrative Review

In accordance with 19 CFR 351.221(b)(5), we calculated an individual net countervailable subsidy rate for Hyundai RB and SeAH Steel Corporation. Commerce determines that, during the POR, the net countervailable subsidy rates for the producers/exporters under review are as follows:

Producer/Exporter	Subsidy Rate (percent <i>ad valorem</i>)
Hyundai RB Co., Ltd.	1.66
SeAH Steel Corporation ¹	0.31 (<i>de minimis</i>)
Review-Specific Average Rate Applicable to the Following Companies	
Chang Won Bending Co., Ltd	1.66
Dong Yang Steel Pipe Co., Ltd	1.66
EEW Korea Co., Ltd	1.66
HiSteel Co., Ltd.	1.66

¹ As discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum, Commerce has found the following companies to be cross-owned with SeAH Steel Corporation: SeAH Holdings Corporation and ESAB SeAH Corporation. The subsidy rates apply to all cross-owned companies.

Disclosure

Normally, Commerce discloses to interested parties the calculations performed in connection with the final results of review within five days of a public announcement or, if there is no public announcement, within five days of the date of publication of the notice of final results in the *Federal Register*, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.224(b). However, because we have made no changes from the *Preliminary Results*, there are no calculations to disclose.

Assessment Rates

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.212(b)(2), Commerce will determine, and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) shall assess, countervailing duties on all appropriate entries of subject merchandise in accordance with the final results of this review, for the above-listed companies at the applicable *ad valorem* assessment rates. We intend to issue assessment instructions to CBP no earlier than 35 days after the date of publication of the final results of this review in the *Federal Register*. If a timely summons is filed at the U.S. Court of International Trade, the assessment instructions will direct CBP not to liquidate relevant entries until the time for parties to file a request for a statutory injunction has expired (*i.e.*, within 90 days of publication).

Cash Deposit Instructions

In accordance with section 751(a)(1) of the Act, Commerce intends to instruct CBP to collect cash deposits of estimated countervailing duties in the amounts shown for each of the respective companies listed above based on shipments of subject merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date of publication of the final results of this administrative review. For all non-reviewed firms subject to the *Order*, we will instruct CBP to continue to collect cash deposits of estimated countervailing duties at the most recent company-specific rate or the all-others rate (9.29 percent), as appropriate.⁸ These cash deposit requirements, effective upon publication of these final results, shall remain in effect until further notice.

Administrative Protective Order

This notice also serves as a reminder to parties subject to an administrative protective order (APO) of their responsibility concerning the destruction of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305(a)(3). Timely written notification of the return or destruction of APO materials or conversion to judicial protective order is hereby requested. Failure to comply with the regulations and terms of an APO is a sanctionable violation.

⁸ See *Order*, 84 FR 18775.

Notification to Interested Parties

We are issuing and publishing these final results in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i) of the Act.

Dated: October 28, 2022.

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Appendix

List of Topics Discussed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum

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